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LOCAL POLITICS.

MEMPHORUM RUMOR HAS IT ARE WILLING TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.

The Office of Freeholder-Ward Assessor, A Republican Conference to be Held Democratic Politicians Not Idle.

James M. Morrow, a Democrat and former member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, once said in conversation with a CITIZEN reporter that one of the best men ever elected to the Board was Thomas McGowan of Bloomfield. This was over a year ago. Circumstances have recently shaped themselves so that the County in general, and Bloomfield in particular, many again have the benefit of Mr. McGowan's efficient service if he is disposed to make himself available.

James Peck, the present representative in the Board of Freeholders from this district, is unwell. It is very probable that his ill health may compel him to withdraw from political activity. In that event the Republicans in the townships naturally turn to Mr. McGowan to succeed Mr. Peck. There is no doubt but what Montclair and Belleville Republicans would heartily second any movement in favor of Mr. McGowan's candidacy. His abilities are widely known, and are widely appreciated.

There is perhaps no man in the 11th assembly district better acquainted with the people of the district and their needs. The CITIZEN takes pleasure in putting toward the name of Mr. McGowan for member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and hope that it will be willing to accept the nomination, that a solid delegation from his own township will stand by him in the district convention.

For Committee-man from the First Ward every indication seems to point to the re-nomination and re-election of Seymour P. Gilbert. While every action of Mr. Gilbert's may not be alike pleasing to God and man, yet nobody can say but what he has tried to give the public good service. No man can serve three years in the Township Committee without dispassioning somebody, or in fact a great number of bodies. Mr. Gilbert has advocated and voted for sewerage, because he thought it was in the line of progress, he has worked hard to secure electric lights; he had labored in the interest of a cheaper and more bountiful water supply, he originated and helped push through the \$20,000 appropriation for roads, which proved a good investment. This is not a bad record for a young man, and the only fault to be found with it is perhaps that it errs on the side of progressiveness.

Mr. Martin Himmel of the Second Ward has proved himself a very conservative Committee-man, and he has pursued purely a business man's course in the transaction of public business. He looked at every public matter purely from a tax payer's point of view. Mr. Himmel may not be renominated. He will not perhaps make any personal effort to be returned. He has served the public well for two years and probably thinks he has done his share.

Thomas J. Flannery is not likely to be the Democratic candidate from the Third Ward. His business engagements give him all that he can attend to without adding political duties. If Mr. Flannery wants anything in a political line Senator James Smith, Jr., can bid him something more congenial and profitable than the office of Town Committeeman.

There are certain reasons why the Democratic party, if it wants a representative in the Committee, should make a united effort to return Mr. Raynor. The sewer master now in progress is an important one and Mr. Raynor is thoroughly familiar with it.

C. W. Powers has long been talked of as the Republican nominee from the Third Ward. The friends of Mr. Powers would sooner have him elected Assessor for the Third Ward, if Ward Assessors are elected, as it is likely they will be.

In the matter of appropriations it is not likely that the large \$20,000 appropriation will be made this year. An appropriation of \$5,000 for the sewer construction account will have to go to be levied this year. This sum will be divided as follows: \$2,500 for interest on sewer bonds and \$2,500 for a sinking fund.

The tax rate is high at present, and unless something is done, it will soon reach the three per cent mark. The only remedy at present is an increase in valuations and there is perhaps room to do this without squeezing small property holders, especially house owners. There is perhaps no land in this township south of Bay Avenue that is held at less than \$1,000 per acre, and some of it as high as \$2,000. Much of this land is held for speculative purposes, and is making its owners rich. Not one acre of this land should be assessed at less than \$600 per acre, and much of it at a far higher figure. Gas lamps, water hydrants, stone roads, and other improvements, all help to increase the value of such property, and it should be made bear a just portion of the burden of taxation. This can be accomplished without adopting Henry George's theories.

There is rumors about of a general attack on the Republican administration of this town by the Democratic party. Democratic leaders are frequently seen wading their way toward the handsome brown stone house on the west side of Ridgewood Avenue, just north of Belleville Avenue. The Democratic sheep now have a shepherd, and the flock will no longer be prey for such as may have particular use at certain times for Democratic votes.

A Republic Dance.

The disaster of 1893 has not entirely taken the spirit out of the Republicans. They are very much alive yet, as was evidenced in the Second Ward on Wednesday night when the Second Ward Club held a reception and dance. About one hundred and seventy-five people were present, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Professor Kaufman furnished the music.

MONTCLAIR MATTERS.

Proposals to Light the Town with Electricity—the Sewer Ordinance.

COMMITTEEMAN GILBERT PRESENTS A PLAN FOR THEIR INTRODUCTION.

A Montclair Company Wants the Franchise—The Committee Ready to Hear Propositions—Fair Prices to Private Consumers Must be Guaranteed.

The electric-light agitation is again at fever heat. The recent unsatisfactory experience with the gas service, both for public and private purposes, has given a great stimulus to the desire for a change. Members of the Township Committee are giving the matter due consideration, and gathering information on the subject of street lighting from various sources. Committee-man Gilbert visited the office of the Newark Electric Light and Power Company on Monday morning, and obtained some particular information about electric lighting. Committee-man Thomas Oakes visited the same company's office on Monday afternoon, and obtained some general information on the subject. Committee-man Oakes simply added to his general information without parting with any of the latter.

A petition to have the bridge on the Orange Road widened, and to have the sidewalks and gutter-lines marked, was received. It will be referred to the Board of Freeholders. W. H. Powers, Jr., of Upper Montclair informed the Committee that Dr. Morgan W. Ayers, one of the Township Committee who was unable to be present, had authorized him to say that he would oppose signing the gas contract for five years. He would favor it for a time not exceeding one year. The Treasurer's report showed collections during the month to have been \$24,390.81; disbursements, \$5,778.40; balance on hand January 31, \$18,602.44; and the amount in bank, \$8,157.

The sewerage question was then taken up. The original contract with the city of Orange, which was passed by resolution some time ago, and which is the opinion of ex-Chancellor Runyon and ex-Judge Stevens should have been passed by ordinance, was considered. Mr. Wilson said that although their resolution may have been all that was required, the Committee, to guard against any contingencies that might arise, thought it wise to act according to the advice received.

WANT TO MOVE.

Members of Phoenix Hose Company Would Like to be Near the Centre—Dodd's Livery Stable is Preferred.

A number of active firemen in Phoenix Hose Company would like the Town Committee to change the location of the company from its present headquarters to the Truck House. Several advantages are claimed in behalf of the change. Dodd's stable is more accessible to some of the "best" men in the company. A horse could always be procured on the instant of alarm. There also ways more convenient to be found on Glenwood Avenue than any other part of the town, and many of them would rush for Phoenix in case of a day alarm. With Phoenix Hose Company in a location where a horse could be quickly attached to its wagon, it is thought that the efficiency of the Fire Department would be improved.

The Truck and Phoenix could then attend the larger portion of fire duty, and the companies on the outskirts would be called out in their own particular localities, or in case of a general alarm.

Proctor's Theatre.

Proctor's refined vaudeville entertainment continues to be the latest fashion craze. This is probably quite as much due to the careful manner in which the theatre is conducted as to the remarkably long and excellent programmes presented there. In many ways this house stands alone, as it is the only theatre in this country where no reserved seats are sold; there are no coupon tickets used, but cards printed in tapes and numbered from one to ten thousand—the same as those used in elevated railways—are sold at the box-office. These cards entitle the holder to admission, and are dropped at a door in a chopping box; once inside the theatre the visitor has the privilege of occupying any seat that may be vacant at the time of his or her arrival. Noon-day family parties are now the latest metropolitan fads, and it is evident that the curtain rises without the lower floor being filled with ladies and children. It is considered quite the thing to purchase a block or tape of 50 tickets, that may be carried the same as car tickets, and used whenever the purchaser and a party of friends wish to visit this theatre.

The promise of something new each week has thus far been kept by the management, who give an entire change of programmes every Monday afternoon. Among the artists who will appear here next week will be found the names of such well-known names as Miss Minnie Newell in Spanish dances, the Austin sisters, sensational aerialists; Harry Kennedy, ventriloquist; Telulu Evans, belladonna; Wm. Jennings, in comic songs; Felix and Claxton, Hilton, contortionists; Dan Reed and family, the Reed Birds; Misses Henrietta Lander, Ada Dwyer, Rose Snyder, Harriet Aubrey, and Vivian Edsall. Tuesday evening, during this engagement, will be known as Grand Army night, as many members of that organization have arranged to witness the performance on that occasion. The orchestra will play many of the old-time war melodies.

Harry Williams' "Metres."

The biggest kind of a show is announced for Waldmann's Opera-house for the coming week. Harry W. Williams' specialty company, known as "The Metres," will be the attraction. It is one of the highest salaried variety companies known to vaudeville theatres. The bill for the coming week is a good one, embracing an array of talent not-wise inferior to the average aggregation of vaudeville performers. Jas. F. Hoy, the Acme Four, Gallagher and West, Bellas and Aonda, Conway and Leland, Leslie and Collins, LePetite Belle, Oscar and Carl the Johnson Trio, and Marion Carew Lyons are the talent that makes this the leading specialty company extant.

Mr. Lydon's Lecture.

Mr. Pohemus Lyon gave a very interesting account of his travels in South Africa and India before a large audience in the Sunday-school room of the First Presbyterian Church on Monday evening. Mr. Lyon exhibited a number of curios that he had brought home with him.

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The large iron smoke-stack at H. K. A. F. Benson's rolling mill on Belleville Avenue, Glen Ridge, fell down last Saturday morning during the severe wind storm which was raging at that time. Work had to be suspended until repairs were made.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

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MRS. HOFFMAN'S LECTURE.

A LARGE AUDIENCE GREETS HER AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

A Bright Future For Woman—Wants an Even Chance With Men—A Plea For Temperance School.

The First Baptist Church was crowded on Wednesday night, and later chairs had to be placed in the aisle to accommodate the large audience that gathered to hear Mrs. Clara Hoffman of Missouri, one of the able lecturers of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Hoffman's subject was "Woman & Field," and she handled it in a very able manner. She made several telling points in favor of women, and the audience attested their appreciation by applause. The lecturer took a prospective view of the field open to woman, and upon which she was just entering. Women were gaining a foot hold in the professions and many departments of labor.

The speaker made a strong plea for advanced educational facilities for young women, claiming that they were entitled to as high an education as young men. Women as yet, she said, had no Yale or Harvard.

In speaking on Woman Suffrage, she thought it more modest in a woman to step up to the ballot box and drop in her vote, than to be at the Polls all day dispensing sandwiches, lemonade and coffee.

The speaker made an eloquent appeal to woman's part in the late war, and called attention to the fact, that while nearly every man who had even a remote connection with the war was receiving a pension, the services of many brave and deserving women were not remembered. She made particular mention to woman's part in the late war, and called attention to the fact, that while nearly every man who had even a remote connection with the war was receiving a pension, the services of many brave and deserving women were not remembered. She made particular mention to woman's part in the late war, and called attention to the fact, that while nearly every man who had even a remote connection with the war was receiving a pension, the services of many brave and deserving women were not remembered. 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